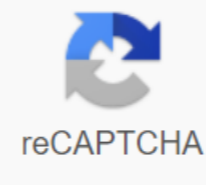




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Thermal energy harvesting pdf

Any power as big as an earthquake is going to produce a lot of energy. To give an example of one of the most powerful earthquakes in recent memory, the size-9.0 Sumatra-Andaman Islands Earthquake produced 20X10¹⁷ Joules of Energy, according to the American Geological Survey, or the same amount of energy of more than 20,000 atomic bombs. The 7.0-magnify temper that Put Haiti stuck in 2010 produced the energy equivalent of 35 atomic bombs. Building the infrastructure to capturing that kinetic energy, turning it into electrical energy and storing the end result will take an enormous investment of time and capital - and all to build and maintain a power supply chain that might not even pay for decades or even centuries at a time. Only major earthquakes can produce the power needed to justify such an investment. And unfortunately for any potential energy providers looking for seismic sources, such as Richard M. Allen, director of the Berkeley Seismological Laboratory, to Discovery News' Sarah Simpson, most of the largest earthquakes, such as the one that hit the coast of Japan in March this year, appears under water. In 2011, there were nearly 20,500 earthquakes, according to the US. Less than 1 percent of earthquakes would be strong enough to justify the cost of putting in place a system to capture that energy. Piezo electricity is electrical energy produced from mechanical pressure (including movements such as walking). When pressure is applied to an object, a negative charge on the extended side and a positive charge is produced on the compressed side. Once the pressure is illuminated, electric current flows over the material. Let's see how the principle works in a movement like walking. A single footstep causes pressure when the foot hits the floor. When the floor is designed with piezoelectric technology, the electric charge caught by that pressure by floor sensors, converted into an electrical load by piezo material (usually in the form of crystals or ceramics), then stored and used as a power supply. In 2007, two MIT graduate students proposed the idea of installing piezoelectric floors in urban areas. Diped Crowd Farming was the idea of installing a floor system that would benefit from piezoelectric principles by harvesting power of footsteps in crowded places such as railway stations, malls, concerts and anywhere where large groups of people move. The key is the crowd: One footstep can only provide enough electric current to light two 60-watt light bulbs for one second, but the greater the number of people walking across the piezoelectric floor, the larger amounts of power produced. It is not outside the area of possibility - generating approximately 28,500 footsteps to take on a train for one second [source: Christian Science Monitor]. Imagine what the combined power commuters' footprints could do during rush. These floors represent prototypes of the Crowd Farm concept: The movement of a large group of clubs dancing on energy capture floors is collected and used to power LED lights and feed energy into the club's power grid in the long-term plan. The principles of piezo electivity have been understood since the 19th century, but the application in energy-generating floors has not yet proven to be a substantial power supply. In trials outside the clubs, a smart home student housing experiment at Duke University ditched the idea of installing a piezoelectric floor when the high installation cost and nominal amount of power produced in the way. In the clubs, initial estimates suggest that an individual club-goer can generate about 5 to 10 watts, and on a night where the dance floor is packed with moving bodies, the energy of the floor can provide about 60 percent of the club's total energy needs [source: Daily Mail]. Enough to save us from the world's energy crisis? Not yet. Related HowStuffWorks Articles Beard, Erik. Human strength: Capturing the body's energy for work on and from the earth. Space.com. s first eco-night club powered by pounding feet opens its doors. Daily Mail. 2008. nightclub-powered-pound-foot-open doors.htmlS asked questions. Sustainable Dance Club (SDC). Chris. Power harnessed one step at a time. The Christian Science Monitor. 2007. . The harvest of energy from falling raindrops. CNET News. 2008 . Eco-Disco: Self-maintaining dance floor to power first green nightclub. Popular Mechanics. 2007. duo see people-powered Crowd Farm. MIT News Office. Massachusetts Institute of Technology. 2007. 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Fatigue often has more to do with the emotional than physical, says Sherrie Bourg Carter, Psy.D., co-director of the Institute for Behavioural Sciences and the Law in Fort Lauderdale, FL, and author of High Octane Women. Think about it. Even a bad night's sleep won't keep you from meeting with your BFS for drinks after work or going to the banquet to accept your Volunteer of the Year award. Somehow we always find the time — and the energy — to do the things we please. The trick is to build activities you love in your life, to chart a new course that keeps your energy. You'll be more productive and have more time. Here, from leading experts and research studies, how you can make it happen. Shake it up, wake up there is comfort in routine, but live a life in which you do the same thing day in and day out has a dull and time-taping effect. Your brain hates the same guy, the same guy so much that it just turns off. It makes sense from an evolutionary point of view: The brain is wired to ignore the famous and search the novel, giving you some kind of internal alarm that allows you to experience potential danger by eliminating the presumably safe ho-hum. At the same time, novelty activates your pleasure system by churning from dopamine, one of the brain's feel-good chemicals. Dopamine is largely responsible for your brain relief on scans when you meet great food craving (such as when you gotta have that chocolate and you get it). But recent research suggests that dopamine is also the raw material of motivation — it gets you and your brain on and raving to go. And if you're short of it, you'll feel some kind of mental fatigue. Forget shopping or cooking — even making a grocery list will feel like too much work. You don't have to push and take up the novelty theme too far (as my friend Sarah did) to get a dopamine streak. A hike in the woods or an afternoon camp art galleries will do so. Even small tweaks to your routine can be energy, says Mira Kirshenbaum, Ph.D., co-founder and clinical director of Chestnut Hill Institute in Boston. Take a different route to or download some Radiohead (although you may have no idea who they are) to your iPod. It can only help change the photos in your cubics, she says. Find your passion or rediscover an old one. If you don't love what you're doing — work, your hobbies, cause you to be taken up — you're probably dragged through your life as if you're always headed for intermediate algebra class. In this age of high unemployment, you may not be in a position to trench your humdrum work, but maybe you can think about a new project that excites you and convinces your supervisor to let you try it. Studies by Amy Wrzesniewski, Ph.D., associate professor of organizational behavior at Yale, suggest that the craft of your work in a calling — something that feels meaningful and gives you a sense of accomplishment — can also help. Perhaps you can mentor younger staff members or develop a charitable project for your company. If you can't reigger your work, try to change other things in your life to find the spark you're looking for. Can you pursue painting or a course in local history? If you know that you should leave the office exactly at 5 PM to get class on time, you will push through your day on time. Ditto over weekends: Speed-clean the house in front of your aerobics class, and you'll get a double burn. If you bumper over what you will be excited, look at the bottom of your to-do list, the things you wistly hope to get to the laundry and call the fridge repair service and drop a prescription at the drug store and... Hanging with the fun crowd of people who live every day with a sense of excitement and energy can give you the way a kindergarten class shares a cold pass. In this case, however, it is social contamination at work — and it's a good thing. A friend who is enthusiastic about her work and her life can help you find your own joie de vivre again. What can also make you more productive and better able to save your personal days for something other than restoring the flu; One study found that people who do not have a peel for work were more likely to take long periods of sick leave. Because of the vampires Watch around your circle of friends, friends and acquaintances. How many of the seven vampire dwarfs — angry, whiny, needy, grumpy, nasty, Killjoy and Toxic — are in your life? On Facebook, you can only make them unfriendly. In real life, you have to deal with it. A friend of mine — let's call her Heidi — once hid under her desk for five minutes until the office couldn't find her, continued to see if there was someone else he could complain about. Better to set boundaries, says Judith Orloff, M.D., assistant clinical professor of psychiatry at the University of California, Los Angeles, and author of Emotional Freedom. Body language can work with everyone, but the terminal Toe that live-in drama queen drama queen signal that you are not interested by turning away slightly. Don't ask how she feels or what's new, warns Dr. Orloff. Eventually she will move on to her next victim — and you can come back to complete your report so that you can make it to that painting or history class on time. If the vampire is your mother, your sister, or an old friend, and the weapon is the phone, of course body language won't do it. But loud language can. Oh, I wish I had time to talk! you can say heartily, without ever explaining why you don't. But can you tell me the rest of the story another day? Add Love you if you hang up, and there shouldn't be any sore feelings. Take a break I recently interviewed a difficult, respected judge in a city court of common pleas. At the end of our hour together, I asked her one of my favorite Barbara Walters-style questions: What are three things you think that people don't know about you? The judge's response: First, I'd rather be gardening; if I cannot do this, I'd rather boil, and I love murder mysteries. There is a woman who places the emoccus in vacation. We all need intermittent recovery, as Jim Loehr, Ed.D., co-founder of the Human Performance Institute in Orlando, FL, and energy project CEO Tony Schwartz calls it in their book, The Power of Full Engagement. To maintain a high level of energy — to get that 25th hour in the day we all are looking for — we need to refresh, reboot and recharge in ways both big and small. This means taking holidays and long weekends. It also means banned work from Saturdays, Sundays and holidays (at least some of the time). Loehr and Schwartz also advocate taking mini-break throughout the working day. We think that in love is more productive, but that's not always the case, says Dr. Orloff. Your mind can't keep solving problems endlessly. And your body also needs a break. In one landmark study that analyzed data from the Multiple Risk Factor Intervention Trial (MRFIT), people who did not take vacations over a period of five years had a 17% higher mortality risk overall and a 32% greater risk of dying from coronary heart disease over the nine-year follow-up than those taking time away. Sleep and performance improved after a holiday as well. Research commissioned by Air New Zealand found that people on average had nearly 20 minutes of quality sleep after returning home — and their performance levels were 25% higher (based on measurements made in the study with a handheld device that measured alertness and response time). If it's hard for you to get away, you may need to redefine what's getting away means. A weekend reading a novel or even just a few hours ringing over garden catalogues while swallowing herbal tea can give you the break you need. So can give in TV mind candy like a mini marathon of Project Runway reruns. One extremely refreshing getaway is meditation - and the best Everything, you don't have to pack for it. Meditation is a way to calm your body and blunt the stress response. It can cause those endorphins to flow so that you are 20 times more productive during the day, says Dr. Orloff. And it doesn't have to be a long session (see). You can also enjoy a health bonus: Although very preliminary, research from the University of California, Davis, suggests that regular awareness meditation can slow down the rate of cellular aging — potentially giving you more precious time than you ever dreamed. istockphoto energy now! There are always coffee (regular little shots work better than gulping a grande to accuse you), but here are some other quick corrections for a temporary collapse: • A nap for the best results, nods off for 20 minutes between 1:00 and 3:00 in the afternoon. Studies by UC Riverside researcher Sara Mednick, Ph.D., author of Take a Nap! Changing your life, and others have found a short necklace that ends before you fall into deep sleep is the most refreshing and making you the most productive afterwards. • Exercise There is nothing like getting on your scratches and heading out for a quick step when you're tired. That's right — nothing like that. Many studies have confirmed that walking, jogging, or lifting some weights can counter fatigue on the spot. Getting rid of it in the long run requires a daily dose of movement. • Sunlight You know that going outside improves your mood; A dose of the sun can also ramp up altitude and cognitive deity, a University of Alabama study has confirmed. • Gums Maybe put this one in the can't hurt, and help category: Research has shown that the act of chewing stimulates blood flow to the brain and also increases brain activity. In one Japanese study, participants who cooked glue twice a day for two weeks reported less mental fatigue than non-chewing, and were not as anxious or depressed. HOW BUSY WOMEN FIND TIME FOR FUN We asked our Facebook fans to tell us about new activities they've already added to their already crowded calendars. Preparing to be inspired: Jennifer Smialek I volunteer for a group that helps homeless people by promoting trust by running. It's hard to fit the runs in, but the feeling of giving back is amazing. Auroora Tipparaju I give dance classes and now also take classes. I find time by changing priorities for that day or week. Hannah Tate Franken As a vegan, I live with the stigma that I am weak, boring, and pretentious. I'm not one of this, but I decided to prove it by recording weight lifting. Heather McKenzie Carter I attend a weekly women's Bible study class and community. I feel so good at being with these women. Jenafer Lockwood Haddy My husband suggested I was a crafting Open. Now, after my busy day with the kids, I spend time doing what I like, and it helps me to relax. Three-minute meditation 1. Find a peaceful place where you won't interrupted. 2. Rest gently your palm over your heart. Concentrate on a person, place, song or memory you cherish. The idea is to feel love and to concentrate it as energy in your mid-chest. 3. Visualize any thoughts such as clouds floating in the air. Let them float through and out of your awareness. 4. Take the sensations in your heart area: heat, coolness, salvation, compassion, release of pressure, vibration. Over time and with practice, you will feel the positive energy in your chest that will flow into your body. Adapted from Emotional Freedom by Judith Orloff, M.D. This content is created and maintained by a third party, and imported to this page to help users provide their email addresses. You may learn more about this and similar content at E-piano.io piano.io

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